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Prior Application Art Unit: 1743

Prior Application Examiner: S. Siefke

SIR: This is a request for filing a

Continuation  Continuation-in-Part  Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/606,006, filed June 29, 2000, of Jessica BARZILAI et al., for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING SAMPLE WELL TRAYS.

1.  Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the specification, claims, and drawings, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/606,006, as originally filed on June 29, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2.  Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3.  Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5.  The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

15.  Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
16.  Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
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17.  Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If an extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/606,006, filed June 29, 2000, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: February 25, 2004

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Basic Application Filing Fee				\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	26	-	20	6	x \$18 108.00
Independent Claims	5	-	3	2	x \$86 168.00
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Subtotal					\$ 1046.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity					
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE					\$ 1046.00

6.  A check in the amount of \$1046.00 is enclosed. The fee includes \$770.00 filing fee and \$276.00 additional claims fee.
7.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8.  New formal drawings are enclosed.
9.  The prior application is assigned of record to: Aplera Corporation, Foster City, CA.
10.  Priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
 is enclosed or  is on file in the prior application.
11.  Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
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13.  The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
14.  Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS:**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please replace the informal drawings with the eight (8) replacement sheets of formal drawings submitted herewith.

Attachments:      Eight Replacement Sheets of Formal Drawings  
                        Containing Figs. 1-8, 9A, and 9B

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Eight (8) Replacement Sheets of Drawings